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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Sir:

Applicants request entry of this amendment prior to examination of the above-identified application, which is a 371 of PCT/US2005/009199, international filing date of March 18, 2005.

Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement/PTO 1449 in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(1). Copies of art cited in the IDS are provided in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98.

Any fees associated with the submission of this amendment can be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION** appear on page 2 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper

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